IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION No 8123 of 2003

For Approval and Signature:

Hon'ble MR.JUSTICE JAYANT PATEL

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1. Whether Reporters of Local Papers may be allowed to see the judgements? : YES

2. To be referred to the Reporter or not? : YES

3. Whether Their Lordships wish to see the fair copy of the judgement? : NO

4. Whether this case involves a substantial question of law as to the interpretation of the Constitution of India, 1950 of any Order made thereunder? : NO

5. Whether it is to be circulated to the concerned Magistrate/Magistrates,Judge/Judges,Tribunal/Tribunals? : NO

ARUNABEN SURESHCHANDRA BODIWALA

Versus

REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICER

Appearance:

1. Special Civil Application No. 8123 of 2003

MR UTPAL M PANCHAL for Petitioner No. 1

MR NJ SHAH for MR DN PATEL for Respondent No. 1

NOTICE SERVED BY DS for Respondent No. 1

CORAM : MR.JUSTICE JAYANT PATEL

Date of decision: 23/06/2003

ORAL JUDGEMENT

Rule. Mr.N.J.Shah for Mr.D.N.Patel for

respondent No.1 waives service of rule. With the consent of parties matter is taken up for final hearing today.

2. The contention raised by the petitioner is that the passport is already issued. However, initially the place of birth in the passport is recorded as Baroda whereas the correct place of birth is Surat. The petitioner submits that an application is made to the Passport Officer, however, the authorities have declined to consider the same in the absence of any order passed by this court.

3. On behalf of Passport authorities it has been submitted that earlier on the basis of School Leaving Certificate passport has been issued. If this court directs the passport authorities, they will consider the matter.

4. Mr.Panchal for the petitioner submits that in similar matters this court has passed orders giving directions to the passport authorities to reconsider the matter and to pass appropriate orders and thereafter to incorporate necessary correction in the passport already issued or to issue fresh passport.

5. In view of the above, the respondent is directed to consider the case of the petitioner for change in birth-place from Baroda to Surat in the passport of the petitioner bearing No.N182153 and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. The respondent authorities shall take decision within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of writ of this court. However, the petitioner shall pay costs of Rs.2,500/- to the respondent authorities since the passport authorities can not be saddled with the costs of litigation.

6. It is clarified that this Court has not gone into the legality and validity and genuineness of the above correction(s). Any order passed by the Passport Authority shall not give any additional right to the petitioner, in any other field, on account of the change, including that of service or any other field. Petition is allowed accordingly. Rule is made absolute.

Direct service is permitted.

23-6-2002 (Jayant Patel, J.)